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ARCINIEGA

CARNAGE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HE EXPECTED--
--BUT IT WAS NOT THIS.
I ARMED THEM WITH THE BEST WE HAVE TO OFFER--
--YET YOU KILLED THEM ALL.
BUT WEAPONS OR NOT--
--THEY WERE ONLY HUMAN.
NOT HIM. NOT MERIDIUS.
YOU.
DIDN'T I KILL YOU?
WELL, NO.
YOUR UNTIMELY APPEARANCE RIPPED ME TO PIECES--
--AND SENT ME BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
BUT YOU DID NOT KILL ME, CARNAGE.
WELL...PRACTICE MAKES--

--PERFECT.
THE SYMBIOTE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO.
DID YOU NOT HEAR ME, CARNAGE?
I HAVE BEEN WAITING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
SO HE DOES WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES--
--HE FIGHTS.
DIE!
UGHHH!
I AM NOT GOING TO LET YOU STOP ME NOW.

WITHIN HIM--
--CLETUS KASADY IS SILENT.
IF I HAD ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD--
--I WOULD NOT BE HIDING BENEATH IT.
I WOULD RUN IT.
YOU WOULD DESTROY IT, CARNAGE.
OOOF!
BETTER TO DIE BY MY HAND THAN SUFFER THROUGH YOUR ARROGANCE--
SPLORCH!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!!

VENOM WAR

CARNAGE #3

CARNAGE has been on a mission. When the symbiote first bonded with serial killer **CLETUS KASADY**, the duo wanted nothing more than to spread death everywhere they went. Over time, however, things have changed. The symbiote saw its "father," **VENOM**, become the King in Black--god of all symbiotes--and it craved more. It set out to become a god in its own right. And through a series of victories, its power began to grow. It lost Cletus, but finding no other host it was satisfied with, it used its new power to remake him out of its own symbiote flesh.

But now, in the immediate lead-up to the battle between **EDDIE BROCK** and **DYLAN BROCK** over the Venom symbiote, Carnage suddenly found a new mystery to obsess over. He discovered that Alchemax somehow had symbiote-killing weaponry and would not rest until he learned whence they came. That trail led him directly to **MERIDIUS**--a twisted Eddie Brock from an averted future timeline, but one no less powerful for his own future being erased.

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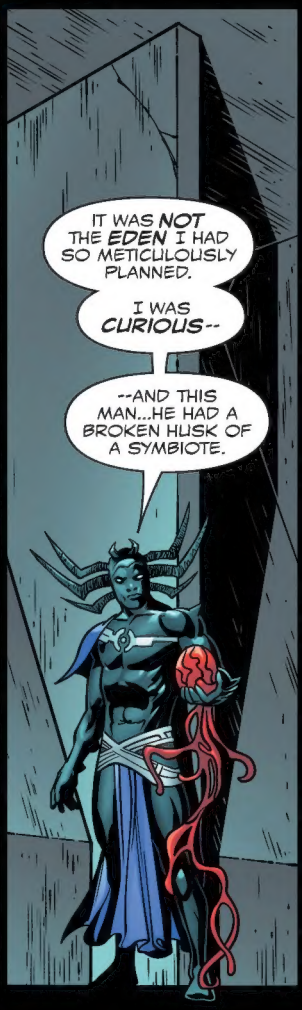
AAAAGHH!
STOP FIGHTING.
I WANT TO TALK. I KNOW YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. I WILL ANSWER, IF YOU WILL BUT CALM DOWN FOR A MOMENT.
IT WAS YOU? THE WEAPONS? ALL THE K-CHEMICAL NONSENSE?
INDEED.
I HAVE BEEN WAITING... PLANNING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
NO WONDER YOU'VE LOST YOUR HEAD.
WAS THAT A JOKE, CARNAGE?

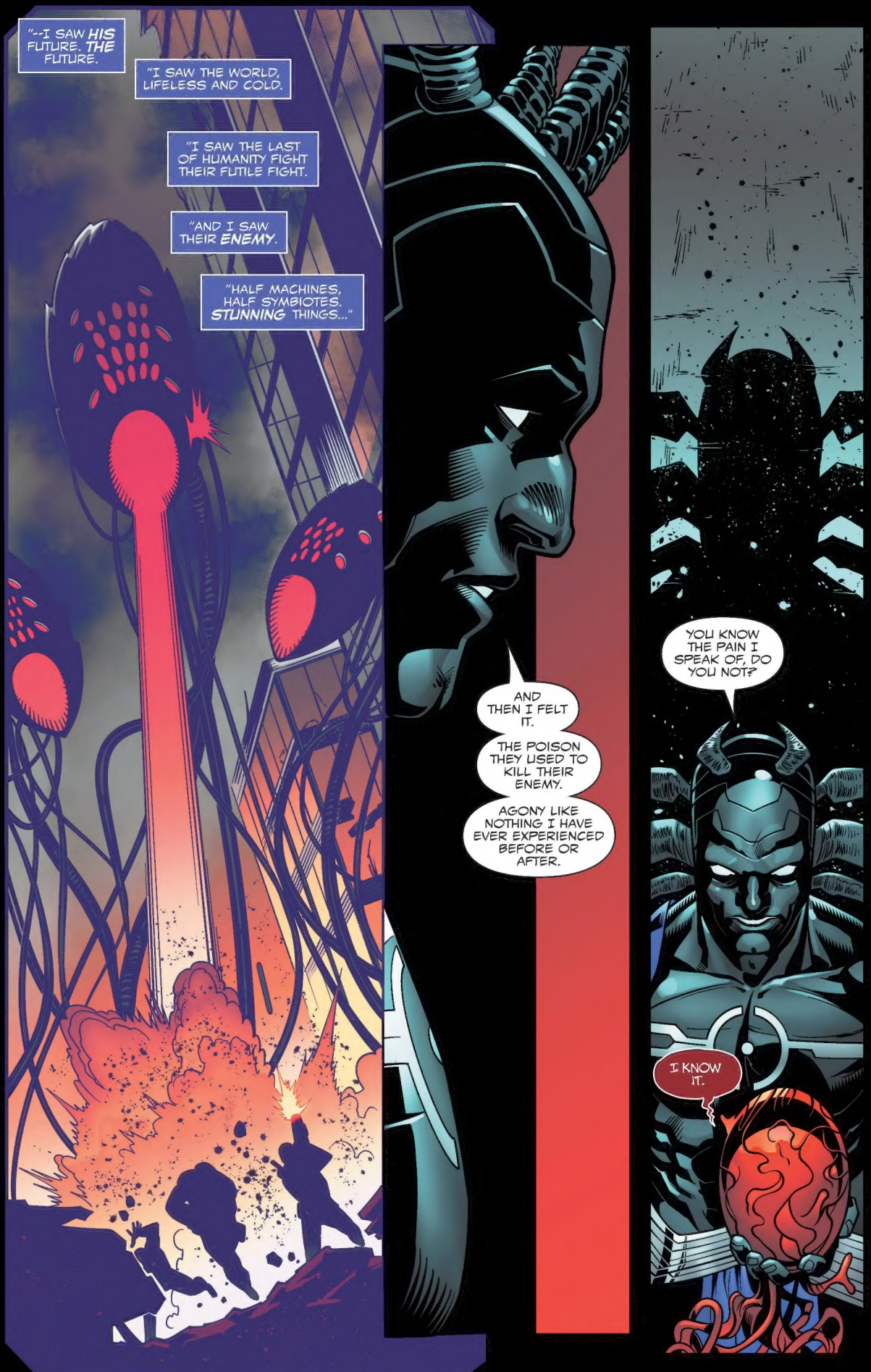
I HAVE LAIN DORMANT THROUGH MOST OF IT.
FOR THE FIRST MILLENNIUM, I MADE SURE NOT TO DISTURB THE PAST.

BUT SOME YEARS AGO, I REALIZED THAT THE FUTURE I WAS WORKING FOR COULD NOT COME TO BE WITHOUT INTERVENTION.

"I MET A MAN FROM THE FUTURE.
YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
"BUT HE WAS NOT FROM MY FUTURE.


IT WAS NOT THE EDEN I HAD SO METICULOUSLY PLANNED.
I WAS CURIOUS--
--AND THIS MAN...HE HAD A BROKEN HUSK OF A SYMBIOTE.

"SO I TOOK HIS MIND.
"AND IN IT, I SAW THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERYTHING--


"--I SAW HIS FUTURE. THE FUTURE.
"I SAW THE WORLD, LIFELESS AND COLD.
"I SAW THE LAST OF HUMANITY FIGHT THEIR FUTILE FIGHT.
"AND I SAW THEIR ENEMY.
"HALF MACHINES, HALF SYMBIOTES. STUNNING THINGS..."
AND THEN I FELT IT.
THE POISON THEY USED TO KILL THEIR ENEMY.
AGONY LIKE NOTHING I HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE OR AFTER.
YOU KNOW THE PAIN I SPEAK OF, DO YOU NOT?
I KNOW IT.

"I WAS HURT.
"I WAS HUMBLED.
"BUT IN MY DISGRACE, I SAW THE POTENTIAL."
THE POISON COURSING THROUGH ME WAS LIKE NOTHING I HAD SEEN ON EARTH BEFORE.
BUT NOW I HAD IT. THE OLD FOOL THOUGHT IT WOULD KILL ME--
--INSTEAD, HE GAVE ME A GIFT. I COULD HARNESS IT. HE GAVE ME THE MEANS TO CREATE THIS.
THE K-PROJECT?
IS THAT WHAT THEY CALL IT? THE HUMANS?
HOW PEDESTRIAN.
INVOLVING THEM WAS AN UNFORTUNATE NECESSITY.
THINK OF IT AS KLYNTAR LIFE ESSENCE. DEADLY OR LIFE-GIVING. BLACK OR WHITE.
BUT IT HAS MANY POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS, AS YOU HAVE SEEN.
THEY CAME UP WITH MOST OF THEM...

IT IS FUNNY--

--ONE WOULD THINK IT WOULD BOTHER THEM. ***THE HUMANS.***

ONE WOULD THINK THAT ONCE THEY SAW THE PLAN... ONCE THEY SAW THE POTENTIAL FOR ENSLAVEMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF FREE WILL--

--ONE WOULD THINK THEY WOULD ***REFUSE.***

CLETUS KASADY REMAINS QUIET.

IT WORRIES THE SYMBIOTE.

BUT THEY SAW A ***PRODUCT.***

A ***PRODUCT LINE.*** AN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.

I HAD A SALES PITCH READY, BUT THEY DID NOT NEED IT.

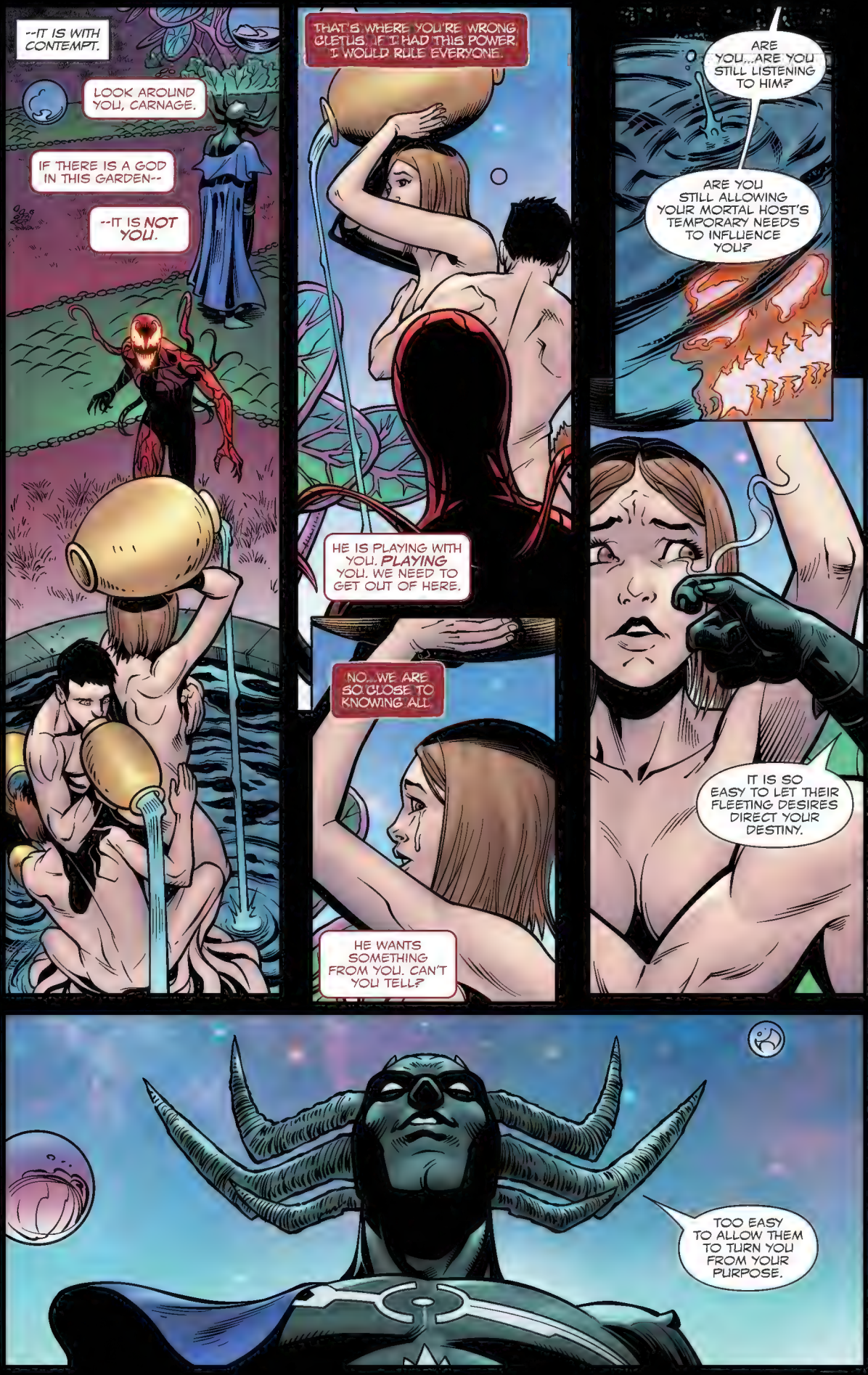
HUMANITY WILL HAPPILY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR OWN OBSOLESCENCE--

RRRRHRR...

...RR... ***RUN.***

AS LONG AS THEY MAKE SOME MONEY IN THE PROCESS.

AND WHEN HE FINALLY SPEAKS--


--IT IS WITH CONTEMPT.
LOOK AROUND YOU, CARNAGE.
IF THERE IS A GOD IN THIS GARDEN--
--IT IS NOT YOU.
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, CLETUS. IF I HAD THIS POWER, I WOULD RULE EVERYONE.
HE IS PLAYING WITH YOU. PLAYING YOU. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.
NO...WE ARE SO CLOSE TO KNOWING ALL.
HE WANTS SOMETHING FROM YOU. CAN'T YOU TELL?
ARE YOU...ARE YOU STILL LISTENING TO HIM?
ARE YOU STILL ALLOWING YOUR MORTAL HOST'S TEMPORARY NEEDS TO INFLUENCE YOU?
IT IS SO EASY TO LET THEIR FLEETING DESIRES DIRECT YOUR DESTINY.
TOO EASY TO ALLOW THEM TO TURN YOU FROM YOUR PURPOSE.

BUT YOU HAVE A PURPOSE.
IT IS WHY YOU ARE HERE... IS IT NOT? YOU FEEL IT, SAME AS ME.
YOU SEE HOW WE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU HAVE A WAY TO KILL EDDIE.
AND YOU DON'T?
PERHAPS. BUT I LIKE TO BE PREPARED.
HOW WOULD YOU KILL HIM? WHAT DO YOU HAVE? A WEAPON?
DID I MISS THE PART WHERE I AGREED TO HELP YOU?
ARE YOU UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT I WILL ALLOW YOU TO WALK AWAY?
I HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU TALK, BUT I WOULD PREFER TO KEEP IT CIVIL. WE COULD BE ALLIES.
THERE IS A WAR COMING, CARNAGE.
I KNOW
WHOSE SIDE WILL YOU BE ON?

MINE!
ARRGHHH!
SHUNK
SHOW ME, CARNAGE. WHAT DO YOU HAVE--?
NNNNG--

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!
I AM NOT SOME SIMPERING SYMBIOTE YOU CAN CONTROL AT WILL--
AGGGHHHH!
I AM CARNAGE!
CRKK-K

ENOUGH OF THIS!
I CANNOT FORCE YOU TO HELP YOURSELF--
--BUT DO NOT THINK I CANNOT KILL YOU.
THE ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR PAIN SPREADS AROUND CARNAGE--
SPLASH!

--RELENTLESSLY BURNING THROUGH HIM.
HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH, CARNAGE?
IT WOULD KILL HIM--
OR WILL YOUR PRIDE COST YOU YOUR LIFE?
--BUT CARNAGE HAS POWER OF HIS OWN.

ALL-BLOOD. THE NECROSPEAR.
AAAARRRGHHH!
INSIDE HIM, CLETUS KASADY SCREAMS--
KILL HIM! END HIM! END THIS!
THIS IS HOW YOU KILL AN EDDIE
--BUT WHEN CARNAGE STEPS AWAY, THE HUMAN FALLS SILENT.
REMEMBER THIS, MERIDIUS. I LET YOU LIVE
HRRKK... WAIT--
--AND I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT I WANT, MERIDIUS.
YES, I DO.
MERIDIUS' VOICE FOLLOWS HIM AS HE FLEES.

LATER.
YOU DIDN'T KILL HIM, CARNAGE. WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL HIM?
I WISH YOU WOULD LET THIS GO...THE WAR...THE K NONSENSE...
...WHY CAN'T WE JUST GO BACK TO HOW IT WAS BEFORE?
GHOST
THIS IS TOO BIG, CLETUS. THE WAR IS COMING WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT. THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES.
I SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY FUN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I MEAN--
--IF YOU ENSLAVE SYMBIOTES AND HUMANS ALIKE--
--WHERE...IS THE %@&#$% FUN?
THIS IS A DULL OLD WORLD ON THE SURFACE--
--BUT SCRATCH IT, AND YOU REVEAL THE REAL WORLD, ALL RED AND RAW AND SENSELESS.
HEY!
&$%# OFF, YOU PERVERT!
...ME?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT A REAL MAN LOOKS LIKE, SWEETHEART?

THIS...
THIS IS OUR WORLD, MY LOVE.
THIS FILTHY, DEPRAVED, GLORIOUS WORLD IS OUR GARDEN.
I DON'T WANT IT TO CHANGE.
WELL, I DO.
THE WORDS HANG HEAVY BETWEEN THEM.

HEAVY AND FINAL.
DON'T BE A FOOL, CLETUS. I MADE YOU. YOU NEED ME TO LIVE.
ARE YOU SURE?
CARNAGE EXPECTS THE MAN TO FALTER. TO CRUMPLE.
ARE--
--YOU--
--SURE?
BUT HE DOES NOT.
CLETUS KASADY IS AS COMPLETE A HUMAN AS HE EVER WAS.
YOU NEED ME MORE THAN I NEED YOU, CARNAGE.
(THOUGH THAT IS NOT SAYING MUCH.)

ALL THAT REMAINS IS FURY--

--AGONY--

TO BE CONCLUDED IN *VENOM WAR.*

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

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